

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014
5:30PM AT TOWN HALL
Approved Minutes 2-11-14**

Called to order at 5:30pm

Present: Nick Nelson, Jim Patterson, Greg Nelson, Ham Ross, Marty Curry

Staff present: Pete Clark, Kristian Larsen, Lisa Potswald, Michael Dalzell

Public Present: Michael Starck, Michael Childers, Paul Brummer, Charlie Brummer

Motion to address agenda items XI. A and B first, in closed session, to discuss possible litigation with Town's Attorney. H. Ross/ M. Curry. 5 Ayes by Roll Call, all in favor, Motion Carried.

I. Public Comment A*

Paul Brummer hopes that the Town propane provider will honor his rate of \$1.75 per gallon. Mike Starck questions snowmobile routes, and if it is possible to look into allowing snowmobiles on County Road H. Greg Nelson believes it is a State Statute that they are not allowed on the highway.

II. Town Administrator's Report

Presented by Administrator Clark, and placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Discussion included periodic adjustment to thermostats in Town buildings to conserve propane, and P. Clark has been working with the Madeline Foundation to possibly establish a heating assistance program.

III. Public Works

A. Roads: Nothing at this time.

B. Parks

1. Acknowledge Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve's donation to Invasive Species Initiative: Motion to acknowledge the Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve's donation to the Invasive Species Initiative. H. Ross/ M. Curry, 5Ayes, Motion Carried. Town Board would like a letter of thanks drafted and sent to MIWP.

C. Airport

1. Airport Manager's Report & Checklist: Presented by Michael Dalzell and placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Discussion on possibility of lowering tie down fees back to what they were in 2013 due to comparable rates at other airports.

IV. Committees

A. Zoning

1. Zoning Change Petition - to Ashland County: H. Ross moves that the La Pointe Town Board request and encourage Ashland County's prosecution of Mr. Ed Kale regarding the repeated and egregious violations of the Ashland County Zoning Ordinance found at 690 Main Street, La Pointe, WI. HR/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Administrative Assistant's Report: Motion to approve and place January 2014 report on file. HR/ MC 5Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Budget Report: Motion to approve and accept Budget Report dated 1-26-14. HR/ JP 5Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Grants Update: Memo presented by Lisa Potswald including information regarding current grants in process. Town Board thanks Lisa for her work and would like continued updates.

D. Renewal of Worker's Compensation Insurance 01/01/2014-01/01/2015: Motion to accept the renewal of Worker's Compensation Insurance through 01/01/2015. JP/ NN 5Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Continued Discussion on Future Legal Representation: Ongoing issue as one of the current Town's Attorneys is looking at retirement soon. Discussion included waiting to see what, if anything, happens with the possible litigation with Chequamegon Bay Engineering, and the timing of it all- whether it be a good time to go with someone new or not.

F. Hiring Procedure: Supervisor Curry: Supervisor Curry would like to see a standardized procedure for the Town Board in the hiring process. Discussion on whether telephone interviews are good practice, and the personnel policy hiring procedure.

VI. Vouchers: Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$40,984.58. JP/ MC 5Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting, January 14, 2014: Motion to approve 1-14-14 minutes HR/ JP 4Ayes (1 Abstain, N. Nelson) Motion Carried

VIII. Emergency Services

A. Ambulance Service

1. Ambulance Director's Report: Motion to place January report on file HR/ JP 5Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Library

A. Library Board Minutes: December 12, 2013: Motion to approve Library minutes, NN/ HR 5Ayes, Motion Carried.

X. Public Comment B**

H. Ross mentions propane situation, Pete Clark to follow up.

XI. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

A. Discuss and Consider Litigation: Chequamegon Bay Engineering: (Discussion in closed session). Motion to endorse M. Fauerbach (Town Attorney) to draft and send a letter to

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Attorney Corcoran in regards to Chequamegon Bay Engineering. NN/ MC 5Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Discuss and Consider Kale Litigation in Light of Recent Court Decisions: discussed in closed session, and motion under zoning agenda item.

XII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Airport Tie Down Fees, Recognize the work of Retiring Town Foreman, Streaming of meetings, and grants update.

XIII. Adjourn at 7:13pm. MC/ JP 5Ayes, Motion Carried.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk

Approved as Submitted 2/11/14. Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk